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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: SUGGESTED SCHEDULE  
JANUARY 4-6, 1978

SUMMARY: FRENCH HAVE OFFERED DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR  
PRESIDENT'S VISIT, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY  
PRESIDENT GISCARD. IT INCORPORATES AGREED EVENTS  
PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT OF ABORTIVE EARLY  
DECEMBER VISIT. ONE OTHER EVENT WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL  
CONSIDERATION AND SEVERAL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS  
REMAINED TO BE SOLVED IN SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE ON BOTH  
SIDES. EARLY REPLY IS URGENT IN VIEW UPCOMING  
HOLIDAY SEASON ABSENCES KEY FRENCH PLANNERS AND  
TECHNICIANS. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT GISCARD'S CHIEF OF CABINET SAUZAY AND  
DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR ROBIN CONVOKED DCM TO ELYSEE  
PALACE THURSDAY TO PRESENT SCHEDULE, GIVEN BELOW IN  
TRANSLATION, ACCOMPANIED BY BRIEF ADDITIONAL  
EXPLANATIONS. SCHEDULE WAS REVIEWED IN DETAIL BY  
PRESIDENT GISCARD, WHO PERSONALLY MADE SOME CHANGES  
TO REFLECT HIS PREFERENCES AND IDEAS FOR HIS GUEST.  
EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS.

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2. BEGIN TRANSLATION: DRAFT PROGRAM FOR THE VISIT  
TO FRANCE OF MR. JIMMY CARTER, PRESIDENT OF THE USA.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1978.

1:45 PM ARRIVAL AT ORLY. RECEPTION BY MR. VALERY  
GISCARD D'ESTAING PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

CEREMONY OF RECEPTION, WITH STATEMENTS, IN THE PAVILION OF HONOR IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS. (EMBASSY COMMENT -- PRE-ADVANCE PARTY WILL RECALL THAT PAVILION WILL HOLD ONLY LIMITED NUMBER OF PRESS INDOORS.)

2:30 PM DEPARTURE BY CAR. (EMBASSY COMMENT -- THIS IS ONE OF THE GREAT NEURALGIC POINTS. PRE-ADVANCE WILL RECALL FRENCH ABSOLUTE INSISTANCE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER TRAVEL IN HOST'S OFFICIAL CAR, WHICH THEY HAVE OFFERED TO MODIFY TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS ON USSS NET. THEY HAVE NOT DIMINISHED INSISTENCE ON THIS POINT WHICH IS REQUIRED BY GOOD MANNERS, PROTOCOL AND FRENCH NATIONAL PRIDE.)

2:40 PM ARRIVAL IN PARIS BY THE PORTE D'ORLEANS. THE MOTORCADE WILL MAKE A CIRCUIT OF SEVERAL STREETS OF PARIS TO THE ARC DE TRIOMPHE. LAYING OF WREATH AT THE ARC. TRAVEL DOWN THE CHAMPS ELYSEES BY CAR. ABOUT 3:30 PM ARRIVAL AT OFFICIAL GUESTHOUSE, MARIGNY RESIDENCE. SETTLING IN.

5 PM TO 6 PM. MEETING (TETE-A-TETE) OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS AT ELYSEE PALACE.

8 PM. LIMITED WORKING DINNER AT THE ELYSEE, 40 PEOPLE, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUSINESS SUIT. (EMBASSY COMMENT -- SAUZAY AND ROBIN INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD BE STAG DINNER.) PARTICIPATION BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS AND BY A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND SOME POLITICAL PERSONALITIES.

3. THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1987.

THE MORNING WOULD BE DEVOTED TO TRIP TO NORMANDY AS FOLLOWS:

DEPARTURE BY PLANE FROM PARIS TO CAEN. (COMMENT: SAUZAY AND ROBIN INDICATED 9 OR 9:30 AS DESIRABLE DEPARTURE TIME.) HELICOPTER FLIGHT OVER JUNE 6, 1944 BEACHES. MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT THE AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OMAHA BEACH. VISIT TO STE MERE-EGLISE. (COMMENT: FRENCH INTERLOCUTORS SAID THAT VISIT TO THIS TYPICAL VILLAGE BEHIND UTAH BEACH WOULD INCLUDE HAND-

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SHAKING OPPORTUNITY WITH CROWD OF PRO-AMERICAN NORMANS,  
A BRIEF CHURCH SERVICE OF PERHAPS TEN MINUTES IN THE  
CHURCH, FROM WHOSE STEEPLE AN AMERICAN PARATROOPER  
DANGLED MOST OF THE NIGHT OF JUNE 5TH, 1944, AND A  
STOP AT MILESTONE ZERO, WHICH COMMEMORATES THE  
AMERICAN AND ALLIED BREAKOUT FROM THE BEACHES IN THE  
CAMPAIGN WHICH LIBERATED FRANCE. MILESTONE SERIES  
FOLLOWS ROUTE OF PATTON'S ARMY TO THE RHINE.) INsofar  
AS TIME PERMITS EITHER AT THE ARRIVAL IN THE AREA OR  
AT THE DEPARTURE A DRIVE THROUGH ONE CITY, EITHER CAEN  
OR BAYEUX. (COMMENT -- ELYSEE EXPERTS RECOMMEND  
BAYEUX TAPESTRY, DEPICTING INVASION OF WILLIAM THE  
CONQUEROR, OVER CAEN. EMBASSY AGREES.)

RETURN TO PARIS TO BE MADE BY TRAIN, WITH LUNCHEON  
BEING SERVED ON THE TRAIN FOR THE TWO CHIEFS OF  
STATE.

ABOUT 3:30 PM, ARRIVAL AT PARIS ST. LAZARE STATION.

ABOUT 4:00 PM ARRIVAL AT MARIGNY RESIDENCE.

5:00 PM. PRESIDENT CARTER COULD SPEAK TO THE PRESS OR  
IF HE WISHES, HAVE MEETINGS AT THE EMBASSY OR THE  
MARIGNY.

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8:00 PM. DINNER AT THE GRAND TRIANON OF VERSAILLES  
FOR 140. DRESS EITHER BLACK TIE OR DARK BUSINESS  
SUIT AS PREFERRED. TOASTS.

9:30 PM. RECEPTION AT THE CHATEAU DE VERSAILLES.  
(2500 TO 3000 GUESTS.)

4. FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1978.

9:30 TO 11:00 AM. PRIVATE MEETING OF TWO PRESIDENTS,  
FOLLOWED BY ENLARGED MEETING AT ELYSEE PALACE INCLUD-  
ING OTHER FRENCH AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

12:30 PM. DEPARTURE FROM THE MARIGNY; PRESIDENT  
CARTER ACCOMPANIED TO ORLY BY PRESIDENT  
GISCARD D'ESTAING.

1:00 PM. WHEELS UP. END TRANSLATION

5. MESSRS SAUZAY AND ROBIN STRESSED THE URGENCY OF  
EARLY REPLY BY THE WHITE HOUSE TO THIS DRAFT SCHEDULE.  
SETTLEMENT OF BROAD OUTLINES OF SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT  
EARLY START ON PROGRAMMING FOR MRS. CARTER AND MME.  
GISCARD, WHILE NECESSITY FOR FRENCH TO ADVANCE THEIR  
PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO IVORY COAST, WHICH IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWS PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT, WILL TAKE FRENCH  
EXPERTS AND PLANNERS OUT OF COUNTRY WEEK OF DECEMBER  
19-23. VERY LITTLE TIME IS THUS AVAILABLE. THEY  
URGE THAT ADVANCE TEAM PLAN TO BE IN PLACE AT LEAST A  
COUPLE OF WORK-DAYS BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FOR IVORY  
COAST.

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6. EMBASSY COMMENT: WITH EXCEPTION OF WORKING DINNER  
EVENING OF JANUARY 4TH, AND INVERSION OF TRAIN-PLANE  
TRANSPORT TO AND FROM NORMANDY, THIS SCHEDULE APPEARS  
TO CONFORM TO EVENTS AGREED ON IN EARLIER EXCHANGES.  
OTHER CRUCIAL PLANNING PROBLEM CONCERNS TRAVEL OF TWO

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PRESIDENTS TOGETHER IN FRENCH MEANS OF TRANSPORT, AUTOMOBILE, HELICOPTER, PLANE. FRENCH WILL INSIST AS HOSTS THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEIR PRESIDENT (WHO IS NOTORIOUS FOR HIS SCRUPULOUS INSISTENCE ON PROTOCOLARY NICETIES) TO TRAVEL IN VISITOR'S AUTO-MOBILE OR AIRCRAFT. IN ANY CASE, GIVEN LIKELIHOOD OF WET RUNWAYS IN JANUARY AT DEAUVILLE AND CHERBOURG, NEAREST NORMANDY AIRPORTS LARGE ENOUGH FOR AF ONE, PLANE TRIP WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY SMALLER PLANES. WE HAVE ALREADY CONCEDED THE POINT REGARDING USE OF FRENCH TRAIN, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT INSISTENCE ON OUR SECURITY PRACTICES AND REFUSAL TO ACCEPT FRENCH-OFFERED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THEIR VEHICLE AND AIRCRAFT IS LIKELY TO CREATE ILL-WILL SUFFICIENT TO THREATEN OBJECTIVES OF THE VISIT IF PUSHED TO THE HILT.

7. AS TO ISSUE OF PLANE-UP TRAIN-BACK TO AND FROM NORMANDY OR VICE VERSA, DCM MENTIONED LIVE COVERAGE BY US DOMESTIC, MORNING TV SHOWS AS CONSIDERATION FAVORING SCHEDULING NORMANDY PROGRAM BETWEEN ONE AND THREE PM AFTER TRAIN TRIP UP. FRENCH COUNTERED THAT HOLDING NORMANDY PROGRAM IN LATE MORNING AFTER PLANE TRIP WOULD PERMIT LUNCHEON ON SOUTHBOUND TRAIN. EMBASSY BELIEVES FRENCH ARE NOT IRRETRIEVABLY WEDDED  
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TO THEIR ORDER OF TRAVEL.

8. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE REPLY URGENTLY, NOTING THAT SUBSTANCE OF THE REPLY ORIGINATES AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF USG.  
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